

by whom the offence came, shall we discern there-  
in any departure from those divine attributes  
which the believers in a living God always  
ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope— fervent-  
ly do we pray— that this mighty scourge of  
war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God  
wills that it continue, until all the wealth  
piled by the bond-man's two hundred and  
fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk,  
and until every drop <sup>of</sup> blood drawn with the  
lash, shall be paid by another drawn with  
the sword, as was said ~~three~~ thousand years  
ago, so still it must be said "the judgments  
of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether"

With malice towards none;  
with charity for all; with firmness in the  
right, as God gives us to see the right,  
let us strive on to finish the work we  
are in; to bind up the nation's wounds;  
to care for him who shall <sup>have</sup> borne the bat-  
tle, and for his widow, and his orphan—  
to do all which may achieve and cherish a just  
and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with <sup>all nations,</sup> ~~the world.~~